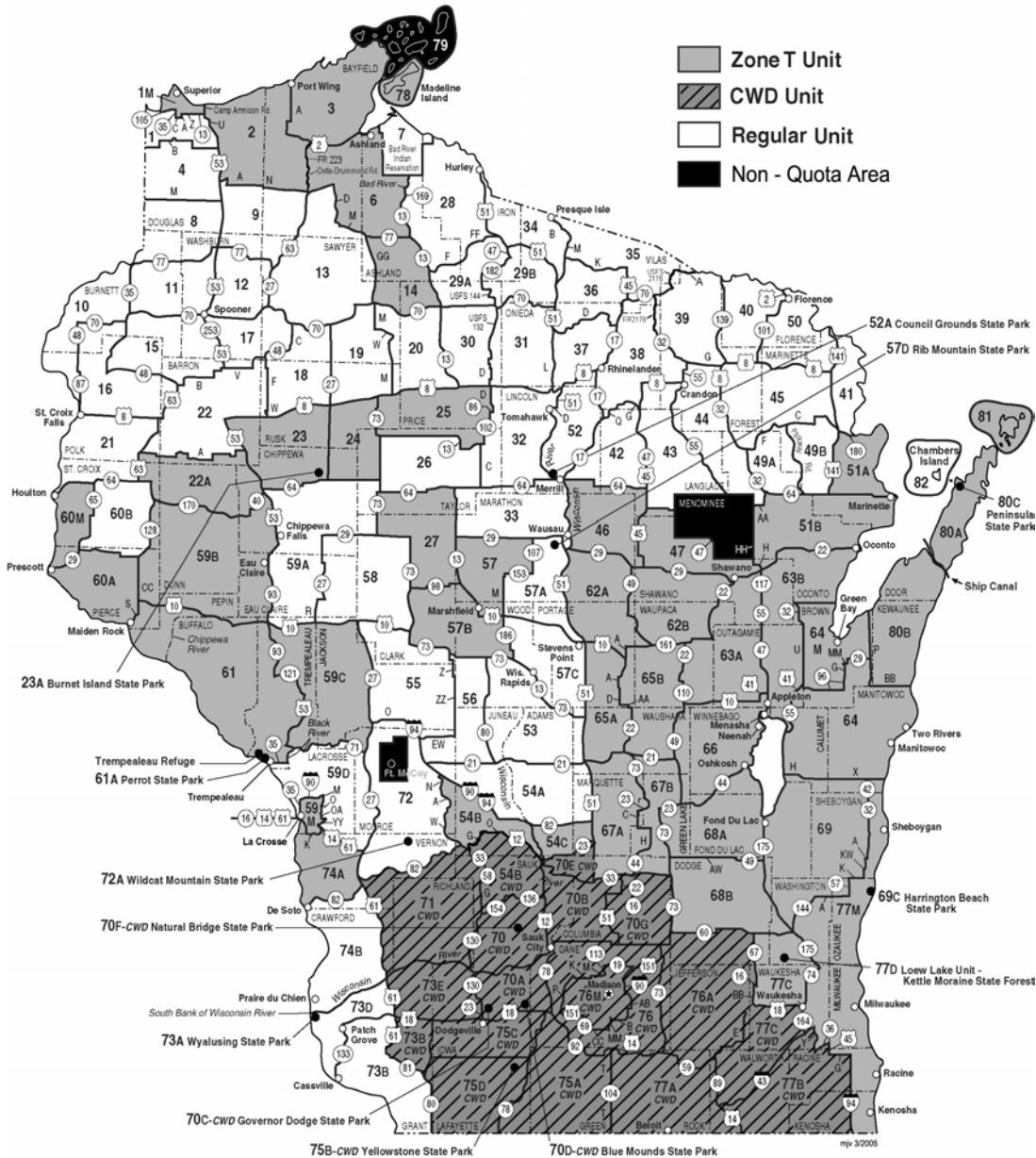


2005 Wisconsin Antlerless Deer Permit Information

Hunter's Choice Application Deadline: August 1, 2005

2005 Deer Season Structure



*Note: CWD units are not final and may be subject to change. However, any changes to the CWD units will not affect Hunter's Choice applicants.

The Hunter's Choice Permit **does not** represent an extra deer – it allows the holder of an unused Gun Deer Carcass Tag the opportunity to harvest one deer of any sex during the gun or muzzleloader season. Archery hunters may also tag an antlerless deer using their Gun Deer Carcass Tag, if they have a Hunter's Choice Permit (archery deer hunting license is also required). A Hunter's Choice Permit may **only** be used in the unit for which it was issued. A permittee may hunt in other units if desired, but would be restricted to the legal deer specified for the unit (see the *2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*, available in August).

Instructions for 2005 – Please Read Carefully

(Important: DO NOT apply for Hunter's Choice in Zone T or CWD Units)
Applications must be postmarked by August 1st.

Applying for Hunter's Choice

Hunter's Choice permits are only available in 'Regular' Deer Management Units (DMUs). A permit may be obtained by completing a *2005 Hunter's Choice Permit Application* available at DNR Service Centers, DNR license agents or online at dnr.wi.gov. Applicants (other than Conservation Patron License holders) must pay a \$3.00 application fee.

Hunter's Choice Permits may only be filled in the specific unit for which they were issued. **Do not apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit in any Zone T, Non-Quota, or CWD unit.**

How You Will Be Notified of Permit Selection

Hunters selected to receive a Hunter's Choice Permit will receive them in the mail.

Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags

Most Regular DMUs, as well as Zone T Units will have Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags, which allow the harvest of additional **antlerless deer only**. **All Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags will be available for purchase (\$12 for residents and \$20 for non-residents) beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, August 27.** Resident and non-resident hunters who have already purchased a gun deer or archery license will have equal opportunity to purchase these permits. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags may be purchased at any license sales location or online at: dnr.wi.gov. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags may be purchased at the rate of 2 per day per customer until each unit is sold out.

Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags issued for Regular DMUs may only be used in the unit for which they are issued or in any CWD Unit. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags issued for Zone T units may be used to tag an antlerless deer in any Zone T or CWD unit.

In units with sufficient numbers of Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags available, qualified farm owners will receive one free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag for each Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag they purchase. Free farm owner Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag can be issued over-the-counter at any license sales location.

State Park Hunting

Hunting access in some state parks is determined by limited draw only. Those interested in hunting Rib Mountain (57D), Perrot (61A), Wyalusing (73A), Brunet Island (23A), Wildcat Mountain (72A), Loew Lake (77D), Peninsula (80C), Harrington Beach (69C), or Council Grounds (52A) state parks must apply through the *Hunter's Choice Permit Application* process by August 1 (a \$3 application required, except for conservation patron license holders). Hunters that are permitted to hunt in parks units, 23A, 61A, 69C, 77D, and 80C, may use their free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag to tag an antlerless deer. However, these units will **not** participate in Zone T season extensions (Oct. 27 – 30 and Dec. 8 - 11). Group applications will be considered for State Park units. Please refer to the *2005 Hunter's Choice Permit Application* for details on group applications. Special hours and area restrictions may apply within the parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants along with their access permit.

State Parks open to deer hunting that are not separate Deer Management Units, but fall within Zone T will **not** participate in 4-day antlerless hunts in October or December. However, free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags may be used in these parks during their regular deer hunting seasons (See the *2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*, available in August).

Mississippi River Block Units (59D, 61, 74A, and 74B)

Mississippi River Block (MRB) units 61 and 74A are designated as Zone T Units for the 2005 deer hunting seasons. Hunters will be able to use their free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag in these two MRB Units in 2005. Antlerless only gun hunting will be allowed in these two units from October 27 – 30 and December 8 – 11, areas west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad will not be open to gun deer hunting during these hunts. Do not apply for Hunter's Choice in units 59D or 74B. A regular gun deer license is automatically good for a deer of either sex in any MRB Unit. Note: unit 59M is designated as a Metro Unit and **not** a MRB Unit.

Metro Units

Metro Units 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M, and 77M are designated as Zone T Units in 2005. Unit 1M will only participate in the October 27 - 30 hunt while Metro Units 59M, 60M, 64M, and 77M will have both the October and December 4-day antlerless only hunts. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags may be used to tag antlerless deer in any of these units.

2005 Preliminary Antlerless Permit Information

Hunters may apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit in the following units:

| Unit | Previous Year Applications | | 2005 Antlerless Permits Available |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Year | Qty. Received | |
| 1 | 2003 | 78 | 1,125 |
| 4 | 1999 | 846 | 1,250 |
| 7 | 2004 | 65 | 525 |
| 8 | 2003 | 1,106 | 2,050 |
| 9 | 2003 | 1,118 | 14,900 |
| 10 | 2004 | 2,391 | 1,525 |
| 11 | 2004 | 2,115 | 5,100 |
| 12 | 2003 | 723 | 3,775 |
| 13 | 1999 | 3,091 | 13,175 |
| 15 | 2003 | 2,483 | 7,850 |
| 16 | 2004 | 2,227 | 13,700 |
| 17 | 2003 | 1,056 | 8,050 |
| 18 | 2002 | 1,053 | 10,900 |
| 19 | 1999 | 2,224 | 6,975 |
| 20 | 1999 | 1,787 | 7,725 |
| 21 | 2003 | 1,199 | 6,650 |
| 22 | 2003 | 1,637 | 9,925 |
| 26 | 2004 | 2,068 | 11,300 |
| 28 | 2003 | 673 | 8,850 |
| 29A | 1999 | 967 | 3,825 |
| 29B | 2003 | 377 | 375 |
| 30 | 2003 | 739 | 5,750 |
| 31 | 2004 | 1,198 | 2,200 |
| 32 | 2004 | 2,485 | 2,925 |
| 33 | 2003 | 1,408 | 4,100 |
| 34 | 2004 | 668 | 1,950 |
| 35 | 2004 | 1,680 | 14,375 |
| 36 | 2004 | 1,464 | 12,875 |
| 37 | 2004 | 1,115 | 1,375 |
| 38 | 2004 | 984 | 3,850 |
| 39 | 2004 | 1,276 | 575 |
| 40 | 2004 | 1,679 | 500 |
| 41 | 2004 | 1,149 | 4,925 |
| 42 | 2003 | 1,282 | 5,350 |
| 43 | 2003 | 1,615 | 5,825 |

| Unit | Previous Year Applications | | 2005 Antlerless Permits Available |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Year | Qty. Received | |
| 44 | 2004 | 2,891 | 3,100 |
| 45 | 2004 | 3,777 | 1,275 |
| 49A | 2004 | 2,389 | 11,000 |
| 49B | 2004 | 1,171 | 5,150 |
| 50 | 2004 | 1,637 | 800 |
| 52 | 2004 | 1,115 | 9,500 |
| 53 | 2003 | 4,918 | 3,925 |
| 54A | 2003 | 5,037 | 17,750 |
| 55 | 2004 | 4,121 | 20,050 |
| 56 | 2004 | 2,678 | 8,350 |
| 57A | 2004 | 1,816 | 6,075 |
| 57C | 2003 | 1,830 | 10,275 |
| 58 | 2004 | 4,512 | 21,750 |
| 59A | 2003 | 2,070 | 9,900 |
| 60B | 2003 | 496 | 2,650 |
| 72 | 1999 | 4,993 | 11,850 |
| 73B | 2002 | 796 | 7,700 |
| 73D | 2004 | 908 | 4,800 |

State Park Hunter's Choice Units

| Unit | Previous Year Applications | | 2005 Antlerless Permits Available |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Year | Qty. Received | |
| 23A | 2004 | 61 | 10 |
| 52A | 2004 | 26 | 10 |
| 57D | 2004 | 114 | 150 |
| 61A | 2004 | 192 | 25 |
| 69C | 2004 | 151 | 40 |
| 72A | 2004 | 310 | 150 |
| 73A | 2004 | 217 | 100 |
| 77D | 2004 | 134 | 50 |
| 80C | 2004 | 140 | 175 |

Do not apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit in the following units:

| Zone T Units | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1M | 51A | 62A | 68B |
| 2 | 51B | 62B | 69 |
| 3 | 54B | 63A | 74A |
| 6 | 54C | 63B | 77C |
| 14 | 57 | 64 | 77M |
| 22A | 57B | 64M | 78 |
| 23 | 59B | 65A | 80A |
| 24 | 59C | 65B | 80B |
| 25 | 59M | 66 | 81 |
| 27 | 60A | 67A | |
| 46 | 60M | 67B | |
| 47 | 61 | 68A | |

| CWD Units | |
|-----------|---------|
| 54B CWD | 75A CWD |
| 70 CWD | 75B CWD |
| 70A CWD | 75C CWD |
| 70B CWD | 75D CWD |
| 70C CWD | 76 CWD |
| 70D CWD | 76A CWD |
| 70E CWD | 76M CWD |
| 70F CWD | 77A CWD |
| 70G CWD | 77B CWD |
| 71 CWD | 77C CWD |
| 73B CWD | |
| 73E CWD | |

| Mississippi River Block Units | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Unit | Antlerless Permits Available |
| 59D | 7,500 |
| 74B | 5,000 |



2005 Deer Hunting Season

2005 Deer Hunting Season Dates

Gun: November 19 – November 27

Muzzleloader: November 28 – December 7

Additional Antlerless Hunts in Zone T Units:

- October 27 – October 30
- December 8 – December 11

(Only Zone T units south of Hwy. 8 have the December 4-day antlerless hunt. Units 1M, 2, 3, .)

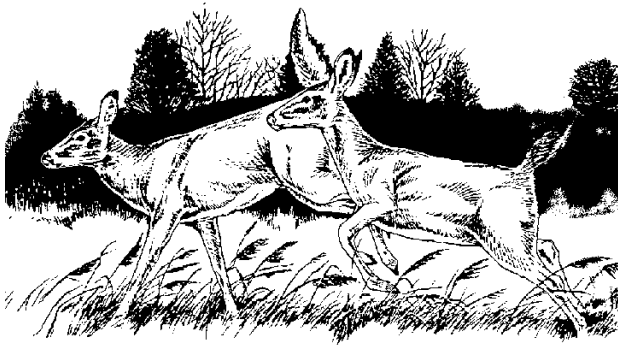
Archery: September 17 – November 17 and November 28 – January 3, 2006

Youth Hunt: October 29

Note: Season dates in CWD Units differ than those listed above. See the 2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for season dates in the CWD Units.

Blaze Orange Clothing

Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters, except waterfowl hunters, during all deer firearm seasons and hunts, including the October 27 – October 30 and December 8 – December 11 herd control hunts, October 29 youth hunt, the November 19 - 27 gun deer season, and the November 28 – December 7 muzzleloader season. Deer hunters should always be aware that waterfowl hunters and other people may be present, and caution should be exercised. *Always make sure of your target and beyond!*



The following season structure and permit issuance measures are for Zone T Units ONLY.

Zone T special season structure will be held in the following deer management units in 2005: 1M, 2, 3, 6, 14, 22A, 23, 24, 25, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 54C, 57, 57B, 59B, 59C, 59M, 60A, 60M, 61, 62A, 62B, 63A, 63B, 64, 64M, 65A, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69, 74A, 77C, 77M, 78, 80A, 80B, and 81

Why?

These units have deer populations that are well above established population goals. By law, the Department of Natural Resources is required to manage deer population at these goals. In accordance with s. NR 10.01(3)(ez) Wis. Adm. Code, the Department has modified the deer hunting seasons and deer permit issuance procedures for these 45 deer management units to reduce the deer population nearer to the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.104(4)(b). The department has determined that it is unlikely the deer population in these Deer Management Units will be reduced to within 20% of the overwinter population goal established in s. NR 10.104(4)(b) under a normal deer hunting season framework. In making this determination, the department has compared the deer harvest required to reduce the deer population to goal to the deer harvest likely to occur under the traditional deer season structure. The Zone T hunts provide department wildlife managers with the ability to increase the harvest of antlerless deer to achieve these goals.

Tag Use and Availability in Zone T Deer Management Units

One free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag will be issued with the purchase of each deer-related license, for a maximum of two free tags, if a hunter purchases both a gun deer and an archery license or a Conservation Patron's License.

Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags may be used in **any Zone T Unit** during any open deer season in that unit. Hunters who wish to acquire more antlerless tags for use in Zone T Units may purchase Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags at any license vendor beginning at noon on Saturday, August 27 (\$12 each for residents and \$20 each for non-residents).

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